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INTERROGATION REPORT

NAVAL "Y" STATION, BREST

PREAMBLE

1. PW was trained at the Marine Nachrichtenschule AURICH in Feb 39 as a wireless operator. From Dec 40 to Sep 41 and again from Jan 42 to Apr 43 he was attached to the Marine Nachrichtenoffizier BREST, at first as an operator and later as a Funkmeister. His present rank of Grenadier is explained by the fact that in Apr 43 he shot a German officer at a private party in BREST and at the resulting Court Martial was sentenced to six months imprisonment, was reduced in rank and later posted to a Bewehrungs Bn. He is co-operative and seems reliable.

ORGANISATION

STRUCTURE AND STRENGTH

2. The "Y" station consisted of the following sections:-

Operating sec (known as the "B"-Stelle)	4 NCOs and 12 men
Deciphering sec	Approx 25 men (incl NCOs)
DF sec	1 NCO and 2 men
Jamming sec	3 NCOs

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EQUIPMENT

3. The operating sec had twelve sets. These were all of the same type, which PW believes was a standard naval receiving set. He also believes that the DF set was a standard "Marinepeilgerät".

OPERATIONAL

HISTORY

4. The station already existed when PW was first attached to it in Dec 40 and was still in operation when he left in Apr 43.

CHAIN OF CMD

5. Each separate section of the "Y" station was under the direct control of Marine Nachrichtenoffizier BREST (Kap zS von DRESKI).

METHODS

6. Operating. The operating sec was divided into three groups each of 1 NCO and 3 ORs. The remaining 3 ORs were used as runners and the whole sec was supervised by a senior NCO.

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- 7. Frequencies. Each operating group was given a frequency band to cover (PW does not remember the frequencies) and this band was changed on an average every three or four days. The frequencies were received direct from the Marinenachrichtenoffizier BREST.
- 8. Traffic. The operating group in which PW worked mainly picked up enciphered 4-letter groups, and occasionally picked up enciphered 3-letter groups, all from British ships. None of the traffic was plain language. He does not know what type of traffic was taken by the other groups.

RESULTS

- 9. Concrete details of success by the deciphering sec were never made known to the operators, but PW heard that about 5% of the messages were broken.

MISCELLANEOUS

PERSONALITIES

10. Apr 43	Marinenachrichtenoffizier BREST	Kap zS von DRESKI
"	Adjt to MNO	Lt Freiherr v WANGENHEIM
Dec 40 to Jan 42	} NCO i/c Operating sec	Q/Funkmeister NEUGEBAUER
Jan 42 to Aug 42		
Aug 42 to Apr 43	" " " "	Funkmeister ADAM (PW)
Apr 43	" " DF sec	Funkmaat. ENKE

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